

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2005

Present: Anne Cates, Estomene Dorcelly, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Robert Kirshbaum, Michelle McCook, Patrinia Dozier-Washington

The meeting was called to order by Vernell Everett. He explained that the main purpose of tonight's meeting was for the board to work on the pro forma budget. Mr. Kirshbaum introduced Ms. Cheree Gulley. She will be assisting him with BGMAC proceedings.

Mr. Kirshbaum provided an explanation of the MAC process. The first phase was the presentation of services and costs associated with providing those services by different Miami-Dade County departments. The next phase is working on a pro forma budget that would give the cost associated with providing municipal services to Biscayne Gardens. Based on the information and numbers gathered by the committee, a determination can then be made by the board whether or not to proceed with the incorporation process. If a decision is made to go forward the next step is the presentation of the proposed boundaries of Biscayne Gardens before the Planning Advisory Board.

In reference to the question raised at the first MAC meeting about the total incorporation of Miami-Dade County by 2007, a research conducted by Anne Cates produced a memo rescinding the motion. The memo drafted by County Attorney Robert A. Ginsburg to the Board of County Commissioners was dated June 20, 2000. Ms. Cates noted that Commissioner J. Morales, the proponent of the motion is no longer on the Board.

Mr. Kirshbaum also explained that the numbers presented on the Impact to UMSA study is not a budget. The document only serves as an estimate of the Impact to UMSA should Biscayne Gardens incorporate. Additionally, the main purpose of the impact study was to determine whether or not Biscayne Gardens is donor or recipient community. According to the document, Biscayne Gardens is a recipient community.

The pro forma budget presented to the BCC by the MAC has to be a much more complete document and will depend on the type of services the new city would need. The MAC has the option of using the services of pro bono consultants who will help put the budget together. The MAC must also be able to defend the pro forma budget if the numbers differ from the ones presented on the Impact to UMSA study.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meetings 2/17/05 and 3/10/05.